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SUBJECT: GREEK AMBASSADOR'S CALL RE RESUMPTION OF INTER-  
COMMUNAL TALKS  
FOR SISCO

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS, GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED  
ON LAINGEN TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT "SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES"  
WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN ARRANGING FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS  
BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS. GOG UNDERSTANDS TURKS  
CONTINUE OPPOSE NEW YORK AS SITE FOR TALKS. AMBASSADOR  
NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SECRETARY  
HAD INDICATED TO BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS THAT NEW YORK WOULD  
BE "REASONABLE" PLACE FOR TALKS TO BEGIN.

2. GOG, ACCORDING TO ALEXANDRAKIS, ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT  
TURKISH-CYPRIOTS NOW TAKING POSITION THAT THEY WOULD BE  
REPRESENTED IN TALKS BY CELIK WHO, IN GREEK VIEW, HAS NO  
AUTHORITY AND WILL BE UNABLE TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE  
MATTERS. DESIGNATION OF CELIK AS SPOKESMAN FOR TURKISH-  
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CYPRIOT SIDE, ALEXANDRAKIS SAID, INDICATES TURKS AND

TURKISH-CYPRIOTS ARE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT RENEWAL OF INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. IF TURKISH-CYPRIOTS FOLLOW THROUGH ON INTENTION TO BE REPRESENTED BY CELIK, GREEK-CYPRIOTS WILL LIKELY RESPOND BY DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL OTHER THAN CLERIDES, AND TALKS WILL TURN INTO "COMEDY." ALEXANDRAKIS

REQUESTED WE USE OUR INFLUENCE TO FACILITATE RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN NEW YORK AT LEVEL OF CLERIDES AND DENKTASH.

3. IN RESPONSE, LAINGEN NOTED US FAVORED EARLY RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS SO THAT PROGRESS COULD BE ACHIEVED TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. US HAD CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION, HOWEVER, THAT NO TALKS WERE POSSIBLE UNLESS PARTIES THEMSELVES AGREED TO THEM, INCLUDING VENUE AND COMPOSITION. LAINGEN SAID WE UNDERSTAND THAT WALDHEIM WOULD BE CONTACTING PARTIES IN NEW YORK BEGINNING MONDAY ON NEXT STEPS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION AND WE HOPED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD RESULT IN AGREEMENT ON HOW AND WHEN FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WOULD BE CONVENED. PROMISED KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR AS SITUATION DEVELOPED.

4. COMMENT: UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE INTEND HOLD TO THIS POSITION AND AVOID INVOLVING OURSELVES DIRECTLY, AT LEAST UNTIL WE HAVE SOME INDICATION FROM WALDHEIM OF RESULTS HIS FIRST CONTACTS WITH PARTIES IN NEW YORK. INGERSOLL

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